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## 'Time-thieves' keep Julia, hubby busy

## Police Taser man after threats

**DEALERSHIP** Calgary police had to Taser a combative man yesterday morning when they responded to reports he was behaving violently in a public place.

Police were called to a northeast auto dealership around 8 a.m. after reports the man was making threats to employees, and when they arrived they weren't able to apprehend him due to his erratic behaviour, police said in a release.

That's when police say they had to deploy their Taser, which allowed officers to apprehend the suspect. The man continued to act violently but was transported to hospital for assessment, police said.

Police continue to investigate. METRO CALGARY

## Classic **Perfect practice**

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Sergey Zayika rides Escano while practising for the upcoming February Classic at Spruce Meadows this weekend. The 2009 February Classic is the second show jumping tournament of the Nakoda Series held at Spruce Meadows. This tournament takes place indoors in the comfort of the Spruce Meadows Equi-Plex Feb. 20 and 21.

## Energy to be hot topic for chiefs: Premier

**MEETING** A climate-change agreement between Canada and the United States must include reductions in greenhouse gas emissions at levels that work for Alberta's economy, said Premier Ed Stelmach yesterday.

"We want to see reductions in greenhouse gas emissions through investment and technology," said Stelmach about Prime Minister Stephen Harper's planned meeting with President Barack Obama tomorrow.

Premier Ed Stelmach

"We don't want to be shouldering all of the burden as Albertans because we only have a small population of three and a half million people."

Stelmach also says he has concerns over American protectionism by decision makers in the U.S. over the economic stimulus package.

And after talking with Harper last week, Stelmach said the prime minister has promised to make it an issue during the meeting.

"Let's face it, the president needs affordable energy to create jobs and putting in a long-term solution to the issues," said Stelmach.

When Obama visits Ottawa tomorrow, it's expected energy will be a key topic in his talks with Harper, who often touts Canada as an emerging energy superpower due to its massive oilsands resources in Alberta.

The Obama administration has been mum so far on what official stance the president will take on Alberta's oilsands.

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## Oscar's big blunders

### Riding the **Recession**

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# Transit goes Google

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**Calgary Transit is getting Googled in an effort to boost efficient navigation of public transportation via the Internet.**

Transit in Google Maps is a feature that will not only provide more detail in planning trips by sending riders bus routes, transfers, schedules and walking directions, but it will help make trip planning more efficient for users, Theresa Keddy of Calgary Transit said.

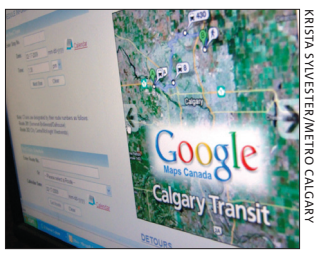
"Our system was good before but this is more visual and provides an alternative option for transit riders to use," she said. "Also, I think the name recognition alone might attract more users, too."

Users can just type in their origin and their destination to receive detailed trip plans, which includes a map.

"And tourists can use it easily to plan their trip in Calgary before they even come here," Keddy added.

Google Transit product specialist Naomi Bilodeau said the system provides users additional information and the same service is already used in other Canadian cities including Vancouver, Montreal and Hamilton. Edmonton is also unveiling the system this week.

The new service is a welcome addition for some transit users such as Christine Bergeron, 25, who is new to Calgary, but used the same service in her hometown.

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Calgarians can now click on a familiar Internet name for help planning future transit travel.

"I loved the system in Ottawa — it was fantastic. I found it quick, efficient and easy to get from point A to B," Bergeron said. "I was disappointed with Calgary's system when I first came here. I actually found it useless, so I just stopped using it altogether."

But Bergeron is excited to use the service she was familiar with at home, especially because she currently plans her own trips and routes in Calgary.

"I think this will have a positive effect on transit users and especially newcomers to the city," she said. "And it will help get me around easier, too."

To access the Transit in Google Maps trip planner, visit www.calgarytransit.com.

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**Sixty-year-old new mother released from hospital**
Calgary's oldest new mother has been discharged from hospital this weekend. Ranjit Hayer, 60, was receiving treatment for complications related to her pregnancy. Her twin boys, born seven weeks premature, remain in hospital. METRO CALGARY

# Local

## Cop pleads guilty to lesser charge

**A Calgary police officer who was charged with trafficking firearms recovered during the 2006 gun amnesty program has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge in court yesterday. Dean Pankewicz pleaded guilty to hazardous storage of a firearm. The crown is seeking a fine and probation for a period of 12 to 18 months.** METRO CALGARY

## U of C looks at relief for inflammation

**RESEARCH** University of Calgary researchers have found a way to possibly improve quality of life for patients with chronic inflammatory diseases.

The researchers identified how immune cells affect the brain, which may explain the fatigue they suffer.

"Sickness behaviours, such as fatigue and malaise, significantly impact the health related quality of life of individuals with these diseases," Dr. Mark Swain said.

"Our findings further our understanding of how patients with inflammatory disease may develop these symptoms and may generate potential new avenues for treatment."

## News in brief

**TRAFFIC** A collision early yesterday morning left a man in his 20s with life-threatening injuries and shut down John Laurie Boulevard for hours. Police said he was brought to Foothills Hospital in critical condition. METRO CALGARY

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

**Videos** Calgary realtors cautiously optimistic about pending market turnaround at **metronews.ca/local**

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# Clinic in need of new home

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**Second Chance Recovery clinic has run out of chances at its current location and is being forced to move due to zoning and land use bylaws.**

But the owner of the private methadone clinic said he is worried that if they don't find another location, city hospitals and prisons might get even busier.

"I have 500 clients on various medications. Most of these are working people with addictions to prescription medications," Bill Leslie said.

"I'm worried if we don't get another location, crime will go up because these people have addictions to feed."

Leslie said his clients aren't homeless people with addictions, but rather people who come from many walks of life.

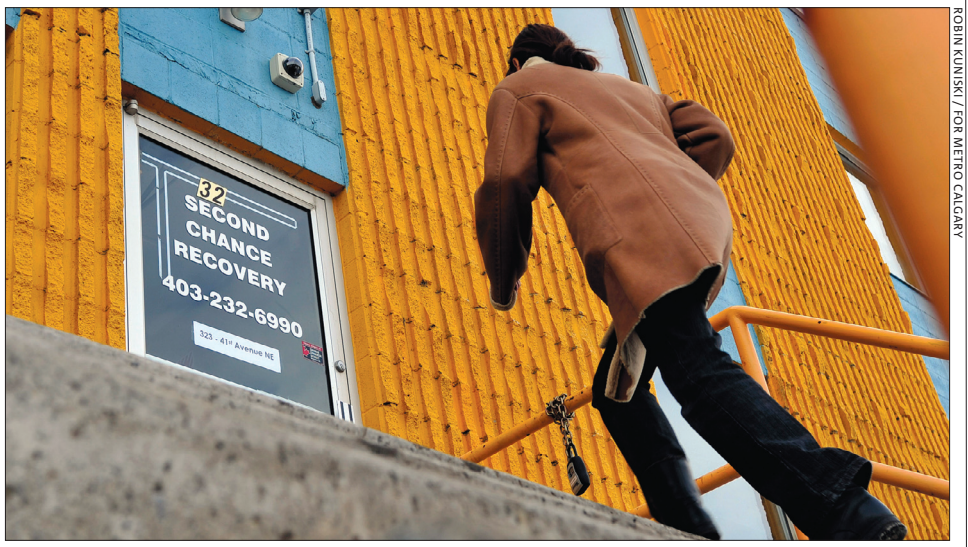
"But most are construction and oil guys who get smashed up on the job, and then get overmedicated for too long and get these addictions," he added.

Leslie said the clinic moved to the current location at 41st Ave. NE in October 2008 and has been unknowingly operating illegally until the Highland Park Community Association sent them a letter in January.

Since then, it has received one more letter asking it to leave the location.

"I don't have hard feelings towards them or the city. The city has bent over backwards trying to help us find another location," Leslie said.

Ald. Bob Hawkesworth said while it's an unfortunate situation, the clinic has a chance to appeal the decision to at least provide more time to find a new location.

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The Second Chance Recovery centre located in Highfield may be forced to shut its doors after two years of looking for a home due to zoning restrictions. The clinic director fears a rise in hospital visits and crime if the centre shuts down.

# Drugs seized at gates of Bowden prison

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**CRIME** Authorities at Bowden Institution intercepted a large amount of drugs based on intelligence before the contraband could infiltrate the medium-security prison, according to officials.

Bowden spokesperson Rita Wehrle said prison intelligence learned two visitors arriving on Saturday would possibly be trying to smuggle drugs into the institution.

When they arrived, security searched the car and found $40,000 in marijuana and hashish.

"That is a large amount for the institution and it is a significant amount if it made it inside," Wehrle said.

"It's very good news for us and the message to visitors is be very careful before making decisions like this because it will have lasting consequences," she added.

Wehrle said one of the visitors, a woman, gave up the narcotics rather quickly when she was challenged at the gate. RCMP is now investigating the incident.

### Location

- Bowden Institution is located 100 km north of Calgary and currently has 585 medium security and 79 minimum security inmates.

Designer of the Canadian mission patch Bill Helin, left, greets Dr. Robert Thirsk.

## U of C alum ready for the space station

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

**SPACE TRAVEL** Out of this world medical advances could be made during Canada's first-ever long-term space mission this summer.

Robert Thirsk, a University of Calgary alumnus, said he would be taking part in seven experiments while on his six-month ground-breaking trip to the International Space Station, blasting off from a Russian Soyuz vehicle in May.

"When I think about (the trip), I think about the Monty Python movie title Now for Something Completely Different," the astronaut said.

Information he'll bring back with regard to weightlessness and blood flow as well as visual and bodily cues while in a near-weightless environment could be applied to those experiencing dizziness or fainting spells, or those suffering from balance and movement control disorders.

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**Reactor shutdown may affect medical isotope supply**
Health Canada has warned doctors to expect a shortage of medical isotopes after an unscheduled shutdown this week at the Chalk River, Ont., nuclear plant that supplies them. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada

## RIM settles with U.S. regulator

**BlackBerry maker Research in Motion's top executives settled U.S. regulator claims that they illegally backdated millions of stock options over an eight-year period, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission said yesterday. Officials with the Canadian company, including co-CEO James Balsillie, left, did not admit to or deny the SEC's allegations. The company agreed to pay $1.43 million in fines.** REUTERS

## Ottawa **Security beefed up**

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

**A man walks past a security barrier and an RCMP car yesterday on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Security has been beefed up in advance of U.S. President Barack Obama's visit tomorrow, his first foreign trip since taking over the White House last month.**

# Obama thanks Canada

## U.S. president shows appreciation for military's efforts

Obama's**Visit**

**A dramatic improvement in the Afghan war effort could convince Canadians to remain engaged in the troubled country past 2011, when troops are due to return home, U.S. President Barack Obama suggests.**

Obama said he doesn't plan to ask Prime Minister Stephen Harper to extend the country's commitment past the withdrawal date approved by Parliament last year when the two leaders meet here tomorrow.

But he said conditions could change dramatically leading up the scheduled withdrawal.

"We've got until 2011, according to the Canadian legislature, and I think it's important for the Canadian legislature and the people of Canada to get a sense that what they're doing is productive," Obama said in an interview yesterday with CBC News.

Obama said he plans to tap Harper's support for the "comprehensive strategy" he is drawing up for the international effort in Afghanistan that focuses on development and diplomacy. He said he hopes it will be "one that ultimately the people of Canada can support, as well as the people of the United States.

In an interview with CBC News anchor Peter Mansbridge, Obama expressed his "heartfelt thanks" to the Canadian families who have shouldered the burden of Canada's "extraordinary" contribution to the war-torn country. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## B.C. sees second shooting death in as many days

**KRISTEN THOMPSON**
Metro Canada

**ATTACK** The gun violence in B.C.'s Lower Mainland shows no signs of abating with another daylight shooting leaving one man dead and another injured in South Vancouver.

Nazreen Dean said her teenage brothers were watching TV in their home yesterday afternoon when two men banged on the door looking for someone named Azim.

"We are convinced we don't know those guys," Dean said.

It's unclear at what point her 19-year-old brother, Aleem Mohammed, was shot and injured or how one of the two suspects wound up dead outside.

## **News** in brief

**CHALLENGE** The Supreme Court of Canada, faced with an appeal that could establish a new defence against defamation lawsuits, has challenged media organizations to justify why journalists should be given a greater "right to be wrong." Several media organizations argued yesterday that the court should endorse a defence that would shield reporters from some lawsuits. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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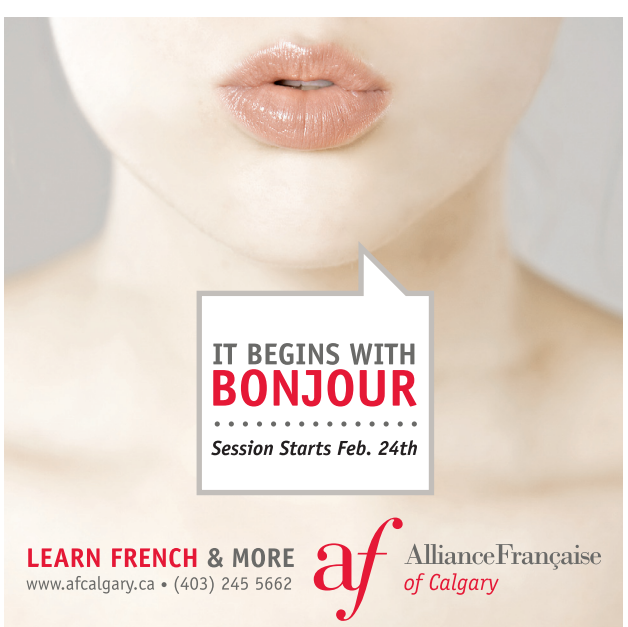

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**British lawyer sentenced in Berlusconi bribery case**
British lawyer David Mills has been sentenced to more than four years in prison for corruption over accepting a $600,000 US bribe from Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi in 1997. REUTERS



# World

## Khmer Rouge torturer tried for prison deaths

**The chief Khmer Rouge torturer went on trial for crimes against humanity yesterday, the first senior Pol Pot cadre to be tried by the "Killing Fields" court three decades after the deaths of 1.7 million Cambodians.**

Kaing Guek Eav, alias Duch and ex-commandant of the notorious S-21 prison, did not address the court, but sat impassively as lawyers haggled over procedural matters.

Hundreds of victims, including saffron-robed Buddhist monks who were persecuted during the 1975-79 Khmer Rouge era, packed the public gallery, reacting with anger and relief at the sight of 66-year-old Duch in the dock.

Kaing Guek Eav, alias Duch

"This is the day we have waited for for 30 years," said Vann Nath, 63, one of a handful of survivors from S-21 where at least 14,000 "enemies of the revolution" were tortured and killed.

This week's hearings will lay the groundwork for a full-blown trial in March, when Duch and survivors are expected to testify.

Duch, now a born-again Christian, has expressed remorse before facing the joint Cambodian-UN tribunal, set up to prosecute those responsible for one of the darkest chapters of the 20th century.

Duch also faces charges of war crimes, torture and homicide while chief of S-21, where victims were forced to confess to crimes and then shot or beaten to death in the "Killing Fields" outside the capital.

Only 12 survived, according to the U.S.-funded Documentation Center of Cambodia, which has researched the Khmer Rouge era. REUTERS

## Brazil **Underwear Day**

ROBERTO JAYME/REUTERS

Brazilian models dance at a bus station during the third edition of "Brazilian Underwear Day" in Brasilia yesterday. The day is inspired by a similar event which has taken place at Times Square in New York City since 2003.

## Protesters wreak havoc on island

**GUADELOUPE** Protesters ransacked shops and burned cars in Guadeloupe overnight as a strike over the cost of living escalated, and one senior local official said the Caribbean island was "on the verge of revolt."

Guadeloupe, a French overseas region, has been brought to a standstill for nearly a month by strikes and demonstrations over high prices for food and other necessities.

The situation has degenerated over the past two days as protesters have set up road blocks and police have made dozens of arrests.

The government in Paris has refused to budge on a demand for a 200-euro ($316 Cdn) monthly rise for low-paid workers. REUTERS

## Obama signs stimulus into law

**WASHINGTON** U.S. President Barack Obama signed a $787-billion US economic stimulus bill into law yesterday as global markets plunged on fears that the recession would deepen. Obama was expected to lay out a strategy today to stem home foreclosures and address the U.S. housing crisis. REUTERS

## **News** in brief

**CONNECTICUT** Police shot and killed a 200-pound chimpanzee that had once starred in television commercials after the ape nearly killed its owner's friend and attacked a police cruiser on Monday.

**RACISM** The return of the United States to UN talks on racism could prove pivotal to salvaging an international conference plagued by charges of Israel-bashing, human rights activists said yesterday.

**SPAIN** A Spanish soldier and his Russian girlfriend were arrested yesterday for posting videos on the Internet calling for Islamist attacks in Spain, police said. REUTERS


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# Comment & Views

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# Equalization for uncertain times

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How many times must Premier Danny Williams verbally explode about "equalization" before the Harper government abandons its hyper-partisan approach to serious matters of national interest? Equalization is a very serious matter, which, together with other federal-provincial transfers for health, education and social services, plays a critical role in promoting equality of opportunity and comparable levels of services across Canada. This commitment defines a great nation.

Regrettably we can no longer measure how well the myriad of federal contributions to the provinces, including equalization, helps to ensure comparable public services across Canada. No amount of tinkering with the arcane equalization formula will fix this fundamental problem, especially since too many other federal programs incorporate confusing equalizing elements that exacerbate inequities among Canadians. The best example is Employment Insurance, which is structured to benefit the unemployed who live in weaker areas of the country.

There is urgent need to bring coherence, consistency and accountability to the jumble of federal contributions to provinces, especially with Ontario qualifying for equalization. Unfortunately the Harper government has no interest in promoting comparable public services — the recent manifestation of this being the elimination of all federal funds for child care operations. Harper's seemingly real agenda is to downsize the national government, download responsibilities and fiscal room, permanently eliminating Ottawa's ability to pursue national standards and objectives in most public services and programs.

With every month in power, Harper draws closer to achieving his goal.

Harper's signature step — the GST cut — reducing national revenue by $60 billion over five years, was a bad step in the best of times, universally condemned by economists, and now cripples the national government's ability to respond in this, the worst of times. Yet Harper refuses to reconsider.

Opposition parties must directly challenge this agenda. Explain to Canadians why we must stop weakening the fiscal position of the federal government — taking care not to turn national politics into a complex and excruciatingly boring accounting problem. Propose the establishment of a permanent non-partisan advisory commission to make the system of federal contributions to provinces more transparent and subject to public scrutiny. And ensure that, through the commission, decisions relating to federal-provincial fiscal relations are based on intelligent debate and reflect longer-term national objectives to build stronger ties among Canadians rather than weakening them.

Deborah Coyne ran as a Liberal candidate in the 2006 federal election and is a public policy consultant who runs canadianswithoutborders.blogspot.com

## Word on the street: Do you think U.S. President Barack Obama will usher in a new era of Canada/U.S. relations?

**Jeff Henderson**
age 27, Calgary

A: I do think the U.S./Canada relations will improve. I would imagine they're probably going to focus on the oil-sands first.

**Amir Zuccolo**
age 32, Calgary

A: If we can get rid of Stephen Harper then they will improve.

**Corey Hines**
age 17, Edmonton

A: I think Barack Obama would improve it because he seems like a nice guy.

**Scott Book**
age 33, Edmonton

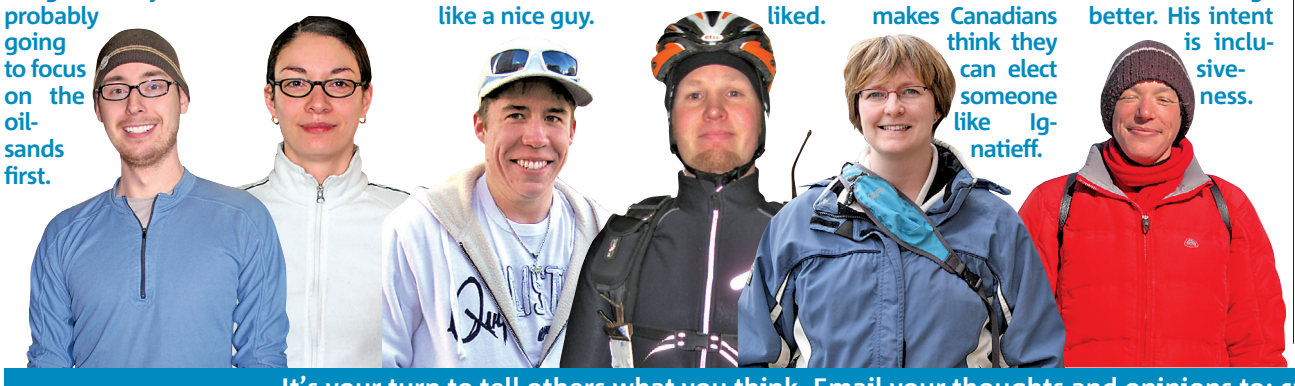
A: I think he'll improve relations just because he's well liked.

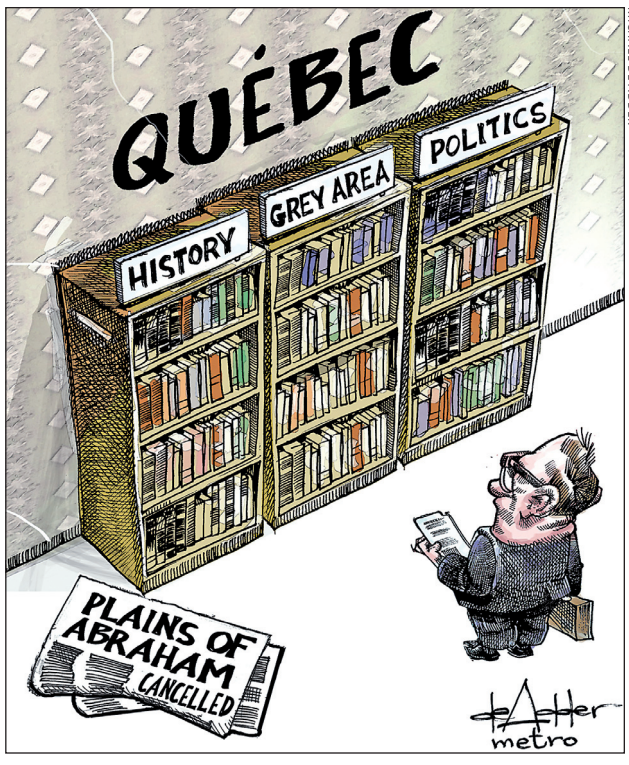
**Leslie Philmore**
age 36, Halifax

A: It depends on the Canadian government's response to him. I think his election makes Canadians think they can elect someone like Ignatieff.

**Karen Faris**
age 43, Ottawa visitor from Rochester, N.Y.

A: I think he'll reach out and try to make things better. His intent is inclusiveness.



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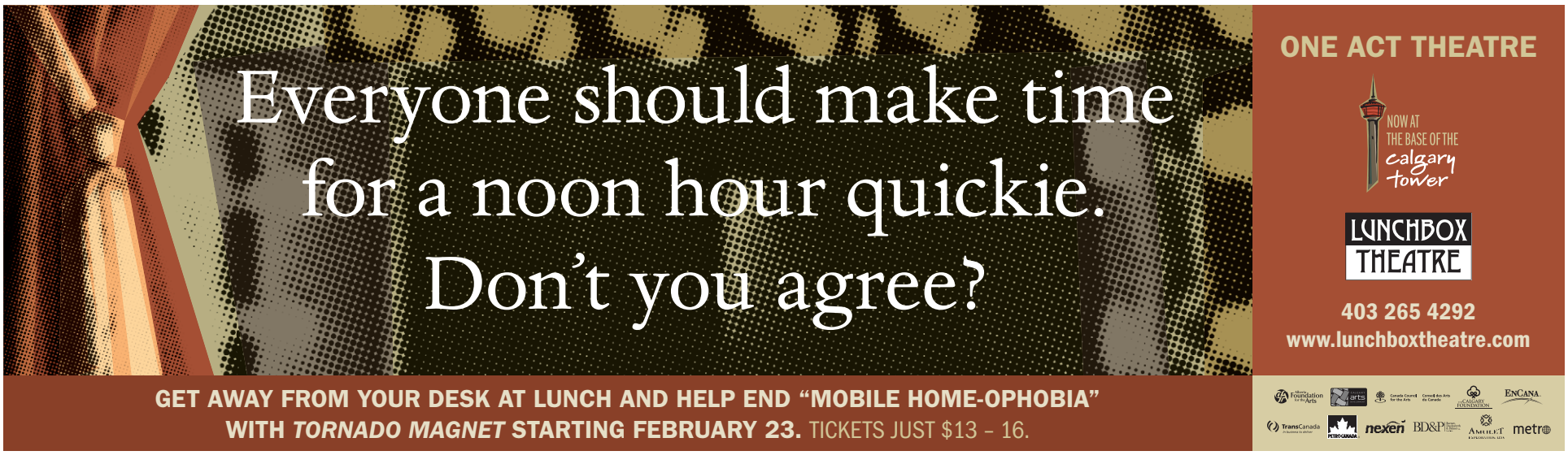

**Trump casino unit files for bankruptcy**
Trump Entertainment Resorts Inc., the casino operator of the Trump Taj Mahal, Trump Plaza and Trump Marina that's named for Donald Trump, filed for bankruptcy protection yesterday as the recession and declining gambling revenues took its toll. **REUTERS**

# Business

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# Obama plan worries oilsands producers

**Canada's oilsands industry, battered by collapsing oil prices, also faces the prospect of ballooning costs as the United States and Canada prepare to discuss energy security and efforts to fight global warming.**

When U.S. President Barack Obama visits Ottawa Thursday, energy will be a key topic in his talks with Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who often touts Canada as an emerging energy superpower due to its massive oilsands resources.

Oilsands producers worry that Obama's plan for a cap-and-trade system to reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses could make their operations too costly with buying and selling permits — especially at current depressed oil prices. Harper also has voiced support for a cap-and-trade system.

Environmental groups call the oilsands "dirty oil" and say its development is hazardous to communities and the environment. Some in the Obama camp appeared to agree with that message during the election, and producers fret about the push for standards that reward low carbon emissions.

**REUTERS**

## Viewpoints

- The White House has so far been mum on what official stance the president will take on oilsands.
- The Council for Foreign Relations said the issue will test "how the administration balances energy security and climate change."
- The Canadian Association of Petroleum Markets said "the real key for us is to set a framework."

## Obama's**Visit**

## Bank stocks pounded globally

**MARKETS** Bank stocks around the world endured a pitiless pounding yesterday amid fears the global financial system remains in jeopardy despite government stimulus plans.

The carnage began in Asia due to a record high cost of borrowing dollars.

In Canada, the financial sub-index on the Toronto Stock Exchange slid 6.42 per cent, led in losses by Manulife and Royal Bank.

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## **Business** in brief

**AUTOS** Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he is confident General Motors will maintain an industry link in Canada, despite a possibility the automaker may move out of Canada as it restructures its operations in Canada and the U.S. **REUTERS**

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**Vick's home up for auction**

Imprisoned NFL star Michael Vick's suburban Atlanta home will be offered for sale to the highest bidder on March 10. The order sets an opening bid of US$3.2 million for the eight-bedroom home in Duluth, Ga. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Sports

***"I knew we weren't taking Tic Tacs ... I didn't think they were steroids"***

**Alex Rodriguez at a Yankees news conference yesterday, discussing how his cousin introduced him to the performance-enhancing drug "boli" in 2001, saying it was an over-the-counter substance in the Dominican Republic. Rodriguez blamed his use of it on being young and naive.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Flames lose in shootout

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**NHL RESULT**

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**THE SKINNY:** Pavol Demitra scored the game-winning goal in the shootout to lead the Canucks past the Flames in front of an appreciative sell-out crowd of 19,289 fans

**THE HIGHLIGHT-REEL SAVE:** After stopping a point blast midway through the third period, Miikka Kiprusoff scrambled to reach back and make an unbelievable paddle save on a shot by Vancouver forward Kyle Wellwood, who thought he had a wide-open net.

**THE TALENTED 'TENDERS:** Kiprusoff finished the game with 40 saves and was named the game's first star, while Roberto Luongo stopped 38 shots at the other end.

**MOVIN' ON UP:** Jarome Iginla scored in the first period to break out of a seven-game goal-scoring funk and then set up linemate Rene Bourque in the third to move past Al MacInnis and into second spot on the Flames all-time scoring list with 395 goals and 428 assists. The Calgary captain now trails Theoren Fleury by just seven points for top spot on the list.

**THE HOT CANUCK:** Ryan Kesler scored twice, including once on a power play when he batted the puck out of mid air past Kiprusoff, to give him nine goals in his past eight games.

**THE RARE OCCURRENCE:** When Wellwood took a high-sticking penalty in the first period, it was his first trip to the sin bin since April 11, 2006 (a span of 159 games) when he was still a rookie with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

**THE NEXT GAME:** The Flames now head to Minnesota to try and tame the Wild on Thursday night (6 p.m., Flames Pay-Per-View, Fan 960).

TODD KOROL/REUTERS

**Vancouver Canucks forward Mats Sundin, right, and teammate Ryan Kesler celebrate Kesler's second-period goal against the Calgary Flames yesterday.**

# Lumsden signs with Esks

**The Edmonton Eskimos announced yesterday that coveted free agent running back Jesse Lumsden has agreed to terms on a one-year contract with an option.**

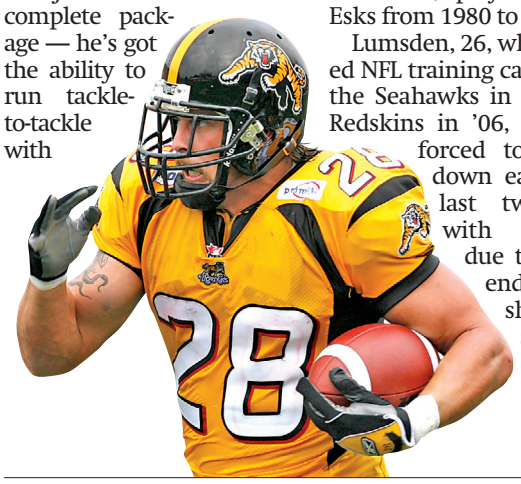
Widely considered one of the CFL's top young stars and premier Canadian running back, the Edmonton-born Lumsden played his first four pro seasons with Hamilton.

"Jesse Lumsden is the complete package — he's got the ability to run tackle-to-tackle with power and challenge you with his speed and strength." said Eskimo General Manager and Director of Football Operations Danny Maciocia.

"We expect he'll make a big impact on our offence"

"I'm very excited to join a team with a winning tradition," Lumsden said. "As a young boy, I spent a lot of time Eskimo dressing room and it's great to return to play (here)." Lumsden's father Neil, played for the Esks from 1980 to 1985.

Lumsden, 26, who attended NFL training camps with the Seahawks in 2005 and Redskins in '06, has been forced to shut it down earl in his last two years with Hamilton due to season-ending shoulder surgery.



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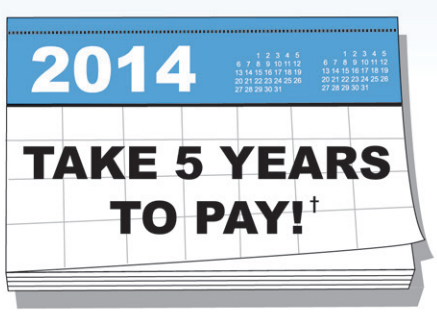

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**McGrady staying put: Owner**
Houston Rockets owner Leslie Alexander said yesterday that Tracy McGrady won't be dealt before tomorrow's NBA trade deadline. Alexander said "there will probably be some news" about McGrady, but it won't be an announcement that the perennial all-star has been traded. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Kozun named player of week

**WHL** Brandon Kozun of the Hitmen was named WHL player of the week yesterday. Kozun had 11 points (five goals, six assists) and a plus-9 rating last week to help Calgary post four straight road victories.

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## Sports in brief

**MLB** The Atlanta Braves tried to close a deal with Ken Griffey Jr. yesterday, hoping the aging slugger who ranks fifth on baseball's career homer list can bolster an outfield that produced the fewest home runs in the majors last season. Griffey had narrowed his search for a new home to Seattle, where he starred from 1989-99, and the Braves.

**MLB** The Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday signed right-handed Canadian pitcher Eric Gagne to a minor league contract with an invitation to spring training. The 33-year-old Gagne went 4-3 with a 5.44 earned-run average and 10 saves in 50 games with the Brewers last season. Throughout his 10-year career in the majors with the Dodgers, Rangers, Red Sox and Brewers, the 2003 National League Cy Young Award winner is 33-26 with a 3.47 ERA and 187 saves.

**NBA** The Oklahoma City Thunder have acquired centre Tyson Chandler from New Orleans in a deal that sends veterans Joe Smith and Chris Wilcox to the Hornets. After years of trying to draft and develop a front-line centre, the move finally gives the Thunder a proven talent inside. The seven-foot-one Chandler has averaged 8.8 points and 8.3 rebounds a game this season.

**NBA** The Sacramento Kings have acquired veteran guard Sam Cassell from the Boston Celtics for a conditional second-round draft pick in 2015. The 39-year-old Cassell hasn't played this season for the Celtics, who acquired him in early March before their run to the NBA title.

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# Soccer's Impact

As Ottawa continues its CFL vs. MLS debate and the Vancouver Whitecaps wait patiently in the wings for word on their MLS franchise, the Montreal Impact, the unassuming USL-1 franchise, just set the all-time attendance record for a CONCACAF game.

With little less than a week before their quarterfinal Champions League match against Mexican side Santos Laguna, the Impact announced Monday that they have sold 43,000 tickets to Olympic Stadium.

Let me repeat that once more — Montreal, in the dead of winter, in the heart of Habs country, just sold 43,000 seats to a soccer game.

Ole, ole, ole, non?

It's not as strange as you might think — the late '70s and early '80s were filled with these kinds of numbers. In 1983, 60,432 showed up at B.C. Place to watch Vancouver take on the Seattle Sounders. Their average attendance that year was well over 29,000.

In 1981, 58,542 cheered the Montreal Manic past the Chicago Sting — both now defunct franchises. Montreal's average attendance that year topped 23,000.

Toronto FC supporters will point to their past two seasons of stadium sell-outs as proof of the beautiful game returning to popularity in Canada, but, for Montreal, it is certainly the high water mark in the wave of the game's rising interest.

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**Ben Rycroft**

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But two things, beyond the attendance, are needed to make this moment last as a Canadian success story.

One, the club has to get a decent result at the Big O. If Santos wipes the pitch with them, those waves of interest will recede quickly in Montreal. Bluntly, the odds are stacked against them. Santos is approaching midseason form in the Mexican Premier league while Montreal is still shaking off its winter hibernation. The two-game home and away format allows for few mistakes but even a tie in next Wednesday's game would give the Impact hope of advancing to the CONCACAF semi-finals.

Two, the winter weather has got to co-operate. It was nearly 10 years ago that a very large chunk of that aging elephant collapsed on to a surprised auto show and since then, little winter activity has been permitted.

The City of Montreal has put strict conditions on its use: There can be no snow or ice on the roof at kickoff, there can be no snow or ice on the tower at kickoff and in the 24 hours prior to kickoff there can be no snowfall or freezing rain forecast.

So, basically, there may be no kickoff.

The following night will be the makeup date — but after that, no one is quite sure what will happen.

For those who have pained for the return to the game's popularity of 20 years ago, now would be the time to put aside your club allegiances and get behind the Impact for the sake of the game.

Or, if that's too much to ask, at the very least, pray for some good weather.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Sunday at metronews.ca

# Told to take a break

**When the Montreal Canadiens embark on a two-game road trip beginning today, one player who will not be with the club is star forward Alex Kovalev.**

Canadiens general manager Bob Gainey announced yesterday that Kovalev will not make the Habs' two-game road swing through Washington and Pittsburgh.

Gainey told the club after a practice session that Kovalev wasn't going to help the team and told him to take a few days away, citing the Russian veteran's apparent lack of energy and emotion.

"The team doesn't need him the way he's playing now," said Gainey.

**"The team doesn't need him the way he's playing now."**
Bob Gainey

Gainey added that he will evaluate the situation at the end of the week, but said that there were no guarantees the Habs' captain would be in the lineup for Saturday's tilt against Ottawa.

"Alex's preference was to stay with the team and play, but I could see in his eyes that he agreed with it," added Gainey.

Kovalev, the All-Star Game's most valuable player, has compiled 13 goals and 39 points in 57 games thus far this season.

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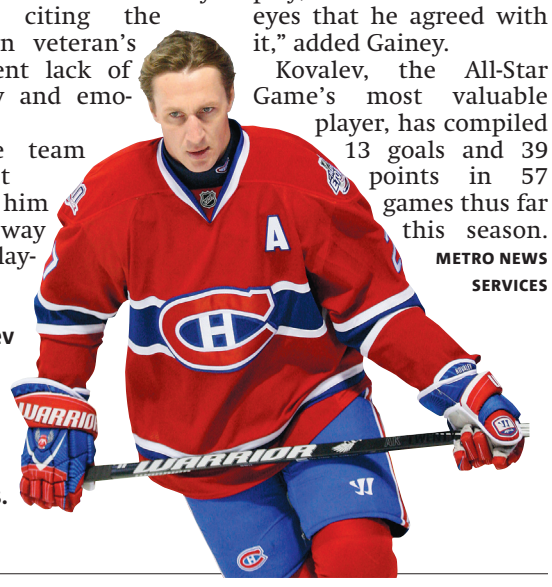

**Kovalev will miss at least two games.**

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# Metro Drive

## Maybach's new metal

**Maybach has announced its Zeppelin will premiere at the Geneva Motor Show, Canadian Driver reports. It is a successor to the Maybach Zeppelin that was considered the ultimate in high-class automotive engineering in the 1930s. The flagship Zeppelin will feature a unique paint finish, meticulously crafted interior materials, and several new options including a perfume atomizer.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Hot, hot Equator

## Suzuki's light truck heavy with features

JIM KERR
for Metro Canada

**There's a new player in the light truck market. Suzuki has expanded their lineup, not only adding compact cars and mid size SUV's, but now also have a mid-size truck in their portfolio. They call it the Equator.**

Suzuki has built trucks before. Their first truck was the Suzulight Carry in 1961. We didn't see it here. Compared to other manufacturers, Suzuki is a relative newcomer to Canada, with Suzuki Canada Inc., founded in 1979 by parent company Suzuki Motor Corporation. To build a truck for North America, Suzuki has partnered with Nissan and will utilize Nissan's next generation Frontier platform for their first venture into the mid-size truck market.

According to Seiichi Maruyama, president of Suzuki Canada, "Pickup buyers in Canada are a particularly good fit for Suzuki since, statistically speaking, they're more likely to participate in lifestyle-oriented activities."

While U.S. buyers get the option of extended cab or crew cab, four cylinder or V6, manual or automatic transmission, the Equator in Canada is only available with the more versatile and popular crew cab configuration with V6 and automatic transmission. With 261 horsepower, the 4.0 litre V6 engine with a five speed automatic transmission provides ample power. Fuel economy is rated at 14.4 L/100 km in the city and 10.4 L/100 km on the highway, which is excellent for a vehicle with 281 ft lbs of torque and a towing capacity of 2767 kg.

For some serious off-road adventures, shift the standard two-speed transfer case into low range and let that four wheel drive system do the work. Stability control, traction control and ABS will help the driver both on and off road. A spray-in bedliner comes as standard equipment on every Equator and this tough low-slip surface will keep the interior of the box looking good no matter what you are hauling.

Inside, the Equator offers air conditioning, power windows and locks, keyless entry, cruise control, tilt steering, 60/40 split folding rear seats with underseat storage and security net over the storage area, rear window defroster and heated outside mirrors.

The interior looks attractive and access is very good, with the rear doors opening a full 90 degrees.

Mid-size trucks are gaining popularity for their fuel economy and economical pricing. There are limited choices in the mid-size truck market and Suzuki may be introducing the right vehicle at the right time. Recent Suzuki vehicles have been of excellent quality and the Equator's five year/100,000 km powertrain warranty will build confidence in the product. Capable of hauling passengers and cargo, towing a trailer or just playing around in the countryside, the Equator looks ready to go.

### 2009 Suzuki Equator

**Type:** 4WD mid-size pickup truck
**Price:** from $33,795
**Engine:** 4.0 litre DOHC V6
**HP:** 261 at 5600 rpm
**Torque:** 281 lb.ft. at 4000 rpm

### Highlights

- Stability control
- Spray-on bed liner
- Rear window defroster
- Air conditioning

The 2009 Suzuki Equator is perfectly suited for Canadian outdoor and off-roading lifestyle, says Seiichi Maruyama, president of Suzuki Canada.

**Capable of hauling passengers and cargo, towing a trailer or just playing around in the countryside, the Equator looks ready to go.**

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# 2010 Golf unveiled at auto show

**DEBUT** Volkswagen debuted the new 2010 Golf at the Canadian International Auto Show (CIAS) last week in Toronto.

The sixth generation compact hatchback was presented for the first time in North America in a five-door 2.0 litre TDI Diesel version.

One of the world's most popular vehicles ever, the Golf has sold over 26 million units since its introduction in Europe in 1974. Volkswagen also announced that nearly 400,000 Rabbits, Golfs, and GTIs have been sold in Canada since the introduction of the first generation in 1975.

The Golf's redesign team, headed by the Volkswagen Group's chief designer, Walter de Silva, with Klaus Bischoff and Flavio Manzoni, has succeeded in giving the Golf a presence, sharpness, and a power that generates even more fun.

All key body elements were redesigned, and the Golf has a sportier and more distinctive image.

In front, the new car adopts the radiator grille of the first generation Golf that is horizontally aligned between the headlights. The lines of the bumper match those of the radiator grille, and beneath this is a section with another air

The 2010 Volkswagen Golf made its North American debut at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto last week.

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# You can always get you want

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz
Veteran auto journalist

The 2010 Hyundai Genesis sedan.

Those baby boomers always get their way. They got all that free love in the swinging '60s, jobs for life, real estate when it was cheap, and can actually get money out of the Canada Pension Plan. (Me bitter? No. I get to work until I'm 83. Why should I be bitter?)

And I don't know if you noticed, but the car market has also been at their beck and call.

The market gave them cheap imports for their single years, created minivans for their family years, and concocted luxury SUVs so they would feel good about themselves in their peak earning years.

Now that they don't need minivans and SUVs, they're gravitating back to big, comfortable cars.

But get this — and this is so like them — they don't want their big comfortable cars to look like big comfortable cars, they want them to look sporty. When they're in these vehicles, they want to roll the window down, blast the stereo, and let the wind ruffle their hair-replacement transplants.

Vehicles catering to this demographic can be roughly described as large coupes, or sedans that look like coupes, and they have been popping up for a few years now. Consider the Mercedes-Benz CLS Class, Jaguar XF, Infiniti G37 (coupe and sedan), BMW 6 Series, Audi A5, Acura TL, and Pontiac G8.

A quick tour around the Toronto auto show this week revealed even more new models in this mode. Witness the Passat CC, the new Hyundai 2010 Genesis coupe and sedan, the new Cadillac CTS, the new Lincoln MKZ, and the new Nissan Maxima. (Not at the show, but very emblematic of the trend, is Porsche's new "four-door" — the Panamera.)

Michael Pistol, a colleague who specializes in design, noted that these vehicles also tend not to be "too optimized."

By that he means they're not about being organized to an inch of their lives, but have special aspects, in both the interior and exterior, that are there "just to look good."

**"Now that (baby boomers) don't need minivans and SUVs, they're gravitating back to big, comfortable cars."**

Pistol feels this is a backlash to some of the overly technical aspects of some high-end vehicles — which actually scare people.

He also noted that, if the driver's seat doesn't look like as comfortable as a La-Z-Boy, buyers wouldn't be interested.

I shouldn't be too hard on boomers. For one thing, I am one (at the tail end … always the worse end). For another, this class of vehicle is an entirely good and cool thing.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

## Porsche allows first peek into Panamera

**INTERIOR** Porsche recently presented the interior of its Panamera four-door Gran Turismo. The much-anticipated addition to Porsche's lineup will go on sale in Canada in October.

With a centre console that extends from the dashboard to the rear seats, the Panamera offers a new spatial concept for the driver and passengers, featuring individual cockpit-like spaces. A deep seating position and sport steering wheel give the driver and passengers direct contact with the road.

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# Travel

## Dublin guide

**If you're thinking of heading to Dublin for St. Patrick's Day, check out visitdublin.com for a rundown of hotel deals, activities, maps and iWalks, free podcast audio guides to the city. You'll also find a link to the Dublin Pass, a savings package that covers free entry to 27 top attractions, free transport from Dublin Airport to the city and more. The site also boasts a handy countdown-to-St.-Patrick's-Day-2009 clock — and we're at 26 days now, so get planning.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Exploring Mexico's myriad landscapes

**ERICK TAPIA**
Metro World News

**High-profile beach resorts may be the first thing that comes to mind when Canadian holidaymakers think about Mexico. But that's a very narrow picture of a country that in fact boasts an astonishing variety of destinations.**

Mexico is home to multiple ecosystems and an alluring geography that includes rainforests, deserts, beaches, magical old towns, forests, cliffs and spectacular vistas. As for its cultural wealth, a mosaic of cultures left behind monuments, spiritual traditions and rituals that spark the imagination. In fact the country has so much to offer that the choice can be bewildering. Here are some of Mexico's most exciting destinations:

**Huatulco:** A coastal paradise on the Pacific Ocean in the state of Oaxaca, Huatulco is the perfect spot for diving and snorkelling. The coastline has nine protected bays and 36 beaches, all part of the Bahias de Huatulco National Park. Main tourist centres include Tangolunda Bay and Santa Cruz Bay; the latter has spectacular coral reefs teeming with marine life.

**Tepoztlan:** About two hours away from Mexico City, Tepoztlan is a place full of mystery and tradition. During the spring equinox, thousands of people visit the mountain of Cerro del Tepozteco because they believe it will charge them with energy. A highlight is the remains of a pre-Hispanic temple at the summit; tepoz.com.mx.

### On the web

- visitmexico.com

**Teotihuacan:** The place where men became gods, this is one of the most important archaeological zones in Mexico and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The highlights of this metropolis — thought to have been built between the first and seventh centuries AD — are the Temple of Quetzalcoatl and the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon, vast monuments flanking the city's central avenue. The site is 40 kilometres northeast of Mexico City.

**Barrancas del Cobre:** A national park located in the northwestern state of Chihuahua, Barrancas del Cobre or Copper Canyon is an enormous net of canyons four times the size of the Grand Canyon. It also has one of Mexico's most impressive arrays of flora and fauna. The best way to explore this natural jewel is by train on the Chihuahua-Pacifico railroad or CHEPE, chepe.com.mx, which offers spectacular views of rivers, cactus forests, pine woodland and narrow gorges from above and below. Stop off and enjoy trips downstream, horse riding, rock climbing, guided nature treks and visits to the reclusive Tarahumara Indians, barrancasdelcobrewebsite.com.

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Tangolunda Bay in Huatalco is part of a coastal paradise that includes nine protected bays and 36 beaches.

**Valle de Bravo:** About 150 kilometres southwest of Mexico City, on the hills rising from the shores of beautiful Lake Avandaro, this pretty little town is a magnet for tourists, many of whom are drawn by the Sanctuary for the Monarch Butterfly. Every winter, millions of Monarchs journey from North America to the local forest. Valle de Bravo is also home to the Velo de Novia (Bride's Veil) waterfall and the Natural Reserve of Monte Blanco; valledebravo.com.mx.

**Real de Catorce:** Real de Catorce is a beautiful, tranquil village high in the Sierra de Catorce mountains in the state of Zacatecas. Silence and pure air are its main attributes. Founded in 1779, this once booming silver-mining town was later abandoned and many original buildings still stand, which is why it's a popular backdrop for Hollywood movies.

It's also a spiritual place, with pilgrims visiting every year for various festivals. Its tourist infrastructure is improving, but accommodation is limited. There are no banks, and only one hotel and restaurant accepts credit cards; vivarealdecatorce.com.

# The travel industry's new buzz phrase — 'recession chic'

**RECESSION** Hedonism is out in the travel business and "recession chic" is in, according to experts at a recent travel show in New York where customers were looking for bargains to brighten the gloom.

"People are being more value conscious, but just as important, they're being more conscious of their values, and what that means is that they're looking for experiences that speak to their heart," said Daniel Levine, a trend spotter at the Avant-Guide Institute who analyzes social trends.

Riding the **Recession**

Levine says as Americans see their savings dwindle and the economy crumbling around them, they are focusing on what is most important — friends, family, health or the environment — and taking that into account in planning vacations.

"It's not about hedonism any more," Levine said at the New York Times Travel Show in Manhattan.

"Destinations that are just offering expensive pampering are going to be hurting," he told Reuters. "The ones that are offering experiences that speak to 'recession chic' values are going to do well."

He pointed to a program set up by Ritz-Carlton hotels called Give Back Getaways, which gives guests at its luxury hotels an opportunity to spend half a day volunteering in the community where they are visiting.

Lydia Dean founded a company called GoPhilanthropic two years ago to design custom-tailored, high-end vacations that incorporate support for social and conservation projects in places such as Vietnam, India and Central America.

Jeff Duford, sales manager for G.A.P. Adventures which offers "responsible and sustainable" adventure travel in more than 100 countries, said there had been steady growth in the market for five years.

**"They will give up that Starbucks coffee every day as opposed to giving up that trip."**
Jeff Duford

He said the kind of traveler who visits a developing country with G.A.P. was one who considered such travel a central part of their lifestyle, and was determined to go even in hard economic times.

"They will give up that Starbucks coffee every day as opposed to giving up that trip."

One company seeking to ease the pain at a time of rising unemployment is Intrepid, an adventure travel firm that has come up with a special offer called Laid Off, Take Off, a 15 per cent discount for the newly unemployed. The company's web site urges people to take advantage of a bad situation, saying: "When the going gets tough, the tough get travelling." REUTERS

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# A paranormal pilgrimage in Transylvania

TheTravelJunkie

Those intrigued by things that go bump in the night can't help but take notice of Romania's most folkloric region. The very word Transylvania conjures up spooky gothic castles and blood-sucking aristocrats, but there's a lesser-known local attraction to add to your goose bump list.

The Hoia-Baciu Forest (HBF), located a few kilometres outside of the city of Cluj Napoca, is rumoured to be a hot bed of unexplained supernatural activity.

Dubbed the Bermuda Triangle of Transylvania, the forest first gained international attention in 1968, when biologist Alexandru Sift captured a photo of what's said to be a disc-shaped UFO. Since then, UFOs, apparitions, abnormalities on photos, nocturnal lights and other unusual things have been regularly reported in the area.

JULIA DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

**Adrian Patrut, a university chemistry professor, is president of the Romanian Society of Parapsychology. He's been studying occurrences in Transylvania's Hoia-Baciu Forest since the 1970s.**

## Word Travels

- Catch Word Travels, a documentary series that follows the real-life adventures of travel writers Julia Dimon and Robin Esrock. It airs Sundays at 9:30 p.m. on OLN.

Ghost hunters, paranormal investigators, parapsychologists — and more recently, tourists — have all taken an interest. Dr. Adrian Patrut, a chemistry professor at the local university, claims that though there are many places around the world with unexplained phenomena, the "Hoia-Baciu Forest is one of the best due to the intensity, variety and complexity of its manifestations."

Patrut is president of the Romanian Society of Parapsychology and since the early '70s he has been studying occurrences in the forest such as unexplained splotches of light and luminescent orbs hovering in the sky. He says that when you spend too much time in the HBF, you can experience symptoms such as anxiety, insomnia, excessive thirst, nausea, vomiting and headaches.

With that kind of build-up, I had to check out the forest for myself.

A 20-minute drive outside of the city finds us on the fringes of the forest. Patrut and I climb up a steep grassy plain to get to the tree line.

Once there, we get out our ghost hunting tools: A compass, a still camera, a video camera with infrared sensors and a Geiger counter to measure sudden rises in radiation. Then we head out into the forest in the hopes of seeing something strange.

The scene looks like something out of a Brothers Grimm fairy tale. Spiky branches reach out like bony fingers; trees are gnarled and spooky. Patrut claims that these trees were normal a few years ago.

Now they are warped, "A clear sign of an apparition." Supernatural or not, there's something truly creepy about prowling an abandoned forest at night. A few hours of hunting left us with a bunch of mosquito bites but, sadly, no orbs or UFO sightings.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing Sundays at 9:30 p.m. on OLN; juliadimon.com.

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**Birthday bash**

Kristy Swanson and Lloyd Eisler, who tied the knot this month, threw another party over the weekend — son Magnus' two-year-old birthday bash. Guests gathered Sunday in L.A. for cupcakes and entertainment by The Jumpitz. **PEOPLE.COM**

# Entertainment

## Location, location

**Cameron Diaz and British model Paul Sculfor are reportedly scouring the English countryside for the perfect place to tie the knot according to femalefirst.co.uk.**

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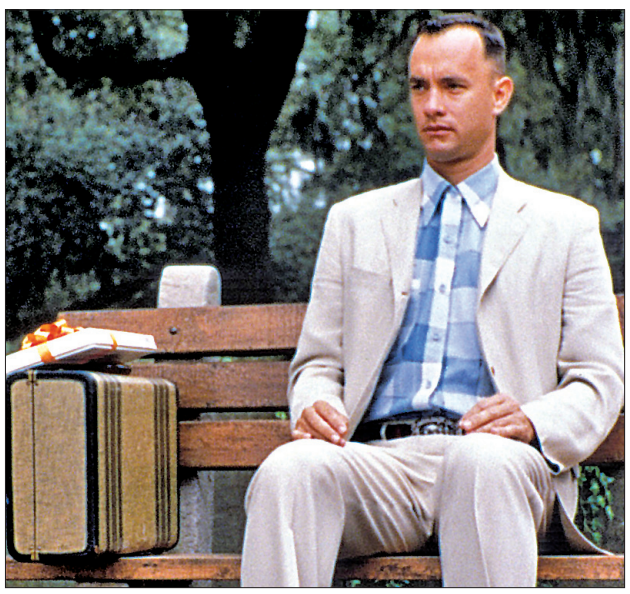
# Oscar's biggest blunders

**PHIL BROWN**
for Metro Canada

**Like it or not the Oscars are coming on Sunday. The annual event might give Hollywood's biggest stars a chance to wear expensive clothing, but the awards should never be taken seriously as an accurate representation of the best films in any year.**

The Academy is a very political beast and the decisions are rarely made for artistic merit. With that in mind, we present a list of Oscar's biggest blunders to help you curb your expectations for Sunday's extravaganza.



Alfred Hitchcock, left, is regarded as one of the finest directors of all time, but he never took home the Oscar for best director. Meanwhile, 1994 best picture winner Forrest Gump, right, is considered one of the worst representations of the mentally handicapped onscreen.

**NO LOVE FOR HITCHCOCK OR KUBRICK:** Stanley Kubrick and Alfred Hitchcock are universally regarded as two of the finest directors of all time, but not according to the Academy. Neither auteur took home a best director statue during their illustrious careers. The only time they were honoured was when Hitchcock got an apologetic career achievement award and Kubrick picked up a special effects statue for 2001. Mel Gibson does have a best director Oscar though. Apparently he's way better than those guys.

**CITIZEN KANE IGNORED:** Orson Welles' masterful debut is routinely labelled "the greatest film ever made," but it got snubbed on Oscar night in 1941. The Academy decided to honour John Ford's forgettable How Green Was My Valley instead. Welles went on to become a legend, but was never even nominated for a little gold dude again.

**SCORSESE'S SNUB STREAK:** Martin Scorsese may have finally gotten an Oscar for The Departed, but it was only after all of his best work was ignored. Scorsese had to see Taxi Driver lose best picture to Rocky and lose best director to Robert Redford and Kevin Costner before he finally got any recognition. The Academy is lucky that guy even showed up in 2007.

**ART CARNEY'S BEST ACTOR WIN:** Art Carney won the 1974 best actor statue for a movie in which he travelled the country with his cat. Now, that decision is offensive enough on its own, but it's even worse when you consider that he beat out Al Pacino for The Godfather Part II, Jack Nicholson for Chinatown, and Dustin Hoffman for Lenny. Those are three of the best actors of their generation giving three of their greatest performances. If he'd beaten even one of them it would have been a travesty. The fact that he beat them all is a tragedy.

**FORREST GUMP BEATS PULP FICTION:** In 1994 this decision seemed to make sense. Today, Pulp Fiction posters still fill dorm room walls and the only time Forrest Gump comes up is when the title is used as a punchline for a joke about the worst representation of the mentally handicapped onscreen. Smooth move Academy.

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# Party planners say festivities have slowed ahead of big show

**Whether it's the recession, the age of Obama or the fact a hopeful movie is favoured to win best film at Sunday's Oscars, it's clear that change has come to Hollywood.**

Movie fans and critics have escaped the gloomy economy by seeking out Academy Award front-runner Slumdog Millionaire, a rags-to-riches romance about a poor, young Indian man on an odds-defying quest on a television game show.

Slumdog follows two straight years of dark crime dramas — No Country for Old Men and The Departed — winning the world's top film honour, the Oscar, for best motion picture.

Party planners and caterers say plans for Oscar festivities have slowed ahead of the Oscar show. Celebrity gift-getting suites are open for business but organizers say giving back seems to be more of a priority among the stars.

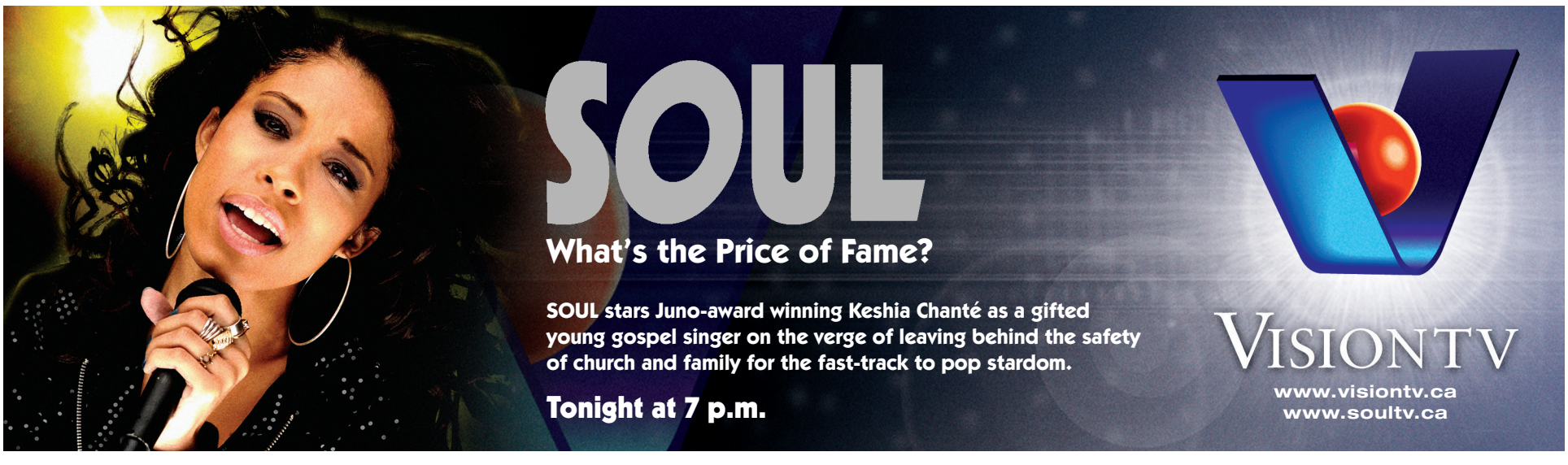
**"A lot of the glamour associated with the Oscars is still there but it's tempered by the economic times."** Leeza Gibbons

"Obama asked us for a day of service and we're asking for a night to make a difference," celebrity talk show hostess Leeza Gibbons said.

Gibbons and singer Olivia Newton-John's are hosting an Oscar night benefit for Gibbons' Memory Foundation and Newton-John's Cancer and Wellness Centre. "A lot of the glamour associated with the Oscars is still there but it's tempered by the economic times," Gibbons said.

Vanity Fair, which once ruled the roost, will renew its annual gala but the affair will be toned down compared to previous years.

Elton John and David Furnish are hosting their annual charity event but gone are last year's competing private affairs by pop stars Madonna and Prince. In their place, Hollywood's elite may be rolling over to a Mercedes-Benz-sponsored party. **REUTERS**



**Bolt tops British box office**
Disney's 3D animation movie Bolt topped the British box office over the weekend with a 2.8 million pound take, according to Screen International. The total includes both standard and 3-D versions of the story of a young dog on a quest to reunite with his owner. REUTERS

# Kate Marr finds her voice

## Actress takes on accent for Stone of Destiny

**For Kate Mara, the accent was on getting the burr just right to play a young heroine of the 1950s Scottish nationalist movement in Stone of Destiny.**

The petite brown-eyed redhead had no trouble looking the part of a Scottish lass, but sounding convincing was crucial to her.

"It was really hard work," the 25-year-old actress said at the Toronto International Film Festival last fall. The film opens here Friday.

"Being in Scotland and being surrounded by a whole Scottish cast (was intimidating), but everyone was so helpful and supportive," she said.

"No one acted like they had any qualms with an American girl playing the lead and an Englishman (Charlie Cox) playing the lead guy."

Written and directed by Charles Martin Smith, who movie fans will remember as Terry in 1973's American Graffiti, the story recalls an important event in modern-day Scottish history.

**"It's hard to imagine being (that age) and doing something that huge and not knowing the consequences."** Kate Mara

Based on Ian Hamilton's book, it follows the exploits of the young nationalist who banded with Kay Matheson (Mara) and two university student pals to swipe the 152-kg Stone of Scone from beneath the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey in London and repatriate it to its home in Scotland.

The students wanted the stone — a symbol of Scottish national pride nabbed by the Brits in the 13th century and used since in the crowning of English monarchs — out of England and back in its home country.

Glaswegian Robert Carlyle also stars in the movie as politician John MacCormick, who inspires the students with his fiery speeches.

Retired lawyer Hamilton (age 82 when the movie was being shot in Scotland two years ago), spent a great deal of time on the set, acting as historian, guide and even voice coach.

"I spent so much time with Ian, he was so present and he answered any questions we had," said Mara. "He had Charlie Cox and me over to his house for dinner, and he told us stories. It was amazing."

Mara was enthralled with the tales of the then-25-year-old rebel Hamilton.

"The craziest thing was knowing they were so young when they did this huge thing," she added. "It's hard to imagine being (that age) and doing something that huge and not knowing the consequences. And to be able to spend time with the guy who did it how many years later, that's such a cool thing."

Kate Mara and Charlie Cox in a scene from Stone of Destiny.

Mara first gained critics' attention for a small but pivotal part as Alma Jr. — Heath Ledger's adult daughter — in Brokeback Mountain. She went on to roles in We Are Marshall and Transsiberian.

This was her first time doing an accent, aside from a Southern drawl that she said she didn't find challenging, and getting it just right had Mara especially nervous. Stone of Destiny had its world premiere before a hometown crowd at the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

"It was really scary and it was the first time I'd seen the film, and those are the people you really want to like the film and respond."

When the credits rolled, "there were a lot of tears and a lot of emotions. It means a lot to people's heritage." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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**Jackson sale**
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# Designer flops in fashion flashback

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

**Last night's Project Runway Canada episode proved that if you want to be a clothing designer, it pays to know the fashion world's history.**

The designers were put in teams of three and asked to create a couture mini-collection inspired by the design spirit of an iconic fashion brand. The first two groups picked Valentino and Versace while Barrie, Ont. designer Brandon R. Dwyer's group chose Yves Saint Laurent, a French designer considered one of the 20th century's most influential figures in fashion for his gender-bending, innovative outfits.

Dwyer, 23, quickly told his group he had no idea who Laurent was, starting a downward spiral that culminated in show host Iman telling Dwyer that his frilly shirt and deliberately mismatched pants "desecrated Mr. Saint Laurent."

**"As soon as I got home I checked out all (Yves Saint Laurent's) collections. He's someone who made a huge impact in the fashion industry."**
Brandon R. Dwyer, Project Runway contestant

Panel judge and Elle Canada editor-in-chief Rita Silvan chose slightly more diplomatic words.

"If you don't know much about Yves Saint Laurent, how can you be a fashion designer?" Silvan asked.

With that Dwyer was sent home and he still strongly believes the faux pas was the main reason he got cut.

"I think not knowing YSL was a huge factor because Iman had a huge spaz when I mentioned it. I felt there were garments that were a lot weaker than mine," Dwyer said.

Brandon R. Dwyer.

Since leaving the show, Dwyer has taken some time to read up on the legendary designer.

"As soon as I got home I checked out all his collections. He's someone who made a huge impact in the fashion industry," Dwyer said.

Trying to design an outfit in the style of a designer he'd never heard of before was definitely challenging for Dwyer. "It was hard to concentrate on the actual garment, so that made the challenge really difficult," he said.

Now that Dwyer is off the show he'll focus on his eponymous clothing line — Brandon R Dwyer — and go back to making the types of clothes he likes design. "The stuff I did for the show is not necessarily anything I'd do in real life. My stuff is very avant-garde," Dwyer said.

## When to watch

- Project Runway Canada airs Tuesday nights on Global.

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| | 246 | - 8 CKAL | Law & Order: SVU | | 13: Fear Is Real "Alone" | | Hates Chris | Friends | I Love Money | | Your City |
| | 119 | 705 9 CBXFT | Virginie (SC) | L'Épicerie | Le Match des étoiles (N) (SC) | | Les Invincibles (N) (SC) | | Le Téléjournal et Les Nou | | TJ Alberta |
| | - | - 10 SHAW | (6) Local Programming | | | | | | Local Programming | | |
| | - | 372 12 KREM | News (N) | Hollywood | The Doctors | | Old Christine | Gary Unmarr | Criminal Minds (N) | | CSI: NY |
| | - | 374 14 KSPS | NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | | Monarchy: The Royal Family | | American Masters (HDTV) (N) | | | | Fred-The Guy |
| | 502 | 390 15 CBC | CBC News: The National | | Animal Takeover (N) | | CBC News: The National | | CBC News: The National | | Takeover |
| | - | 370 16 KHQ | News (N) | Be-Millionaire | Jeopardy! (N) | Wheel-Fortune | Knight Rider (HDTV) | | Life "I Heart Mom" (N) | | Law & Order |
| | - | 373 22 KAYU | The Simpsons | Raymond | Two-Half Men | Two/Half Men | American Idol (HDTV) | | Lie to Me "Love Always" | | News (N) |
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| news | 500 | 500 29 CNN | Larry King Live | | Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) | | | | Larry King Live | | Cooper 360 |
| | 508 | 502 31 CNN2 | Lou Dobbs Tonight | | Nancy Grace | | Showbiz Tonight | | Lou Dobbs Tonight | | Nancy Grace |
| sports | 400 | 400 21 TSN | NHL Hockey | | SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live) | | | Off the Record | Winter X Games (HDTV) | | Winter X |
| | 408 | 418 27 net | WHL Hockey Saskatoon Blades at Calgary Hitmen. (Live) | | | | | | Sportsnet Connected | | Ult. Fighter |
| | 410 | 403 30 SCORE | Poker Million Pound Challenge. | | Score Tonight | | Hardcore Hockey Talk | | Final Score | Final Score | Final Score |
| | 411 | 457 44 OLN | Mantracker | Mantracker | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Survivorman | | Mantracker | Mantracker | Bounty Hunter |
| | 417 | 406 48 SPEED | Pinks (HDTV) | Pinks (HDTV) | Drag Race | Wrecked | Pimp My Ride | Pass Time | Pinks Outtakes | Pinks Outtakes | Pinks (HDTV) |
| family | 552 | 543 20 YTV | Drake & Josh | iCarly | Prank Patrol | Prank Patrol | Malcolm-Mid. | Futurama | Adrenaline Proj | Prank Patrol | Falcon Beach |
| | 557 | 541 39 FAM | Zoey 101 | Life Derek | Wizards-Place | Han. Montana | Zack & Cody | Latest Buzz | Wizards-Place | Life Derek | Ned's School |
| | 555 | 545 67 TOON | Ben 10 | Johnny Test | Totally Spies | Total Drama | 6TEEN | 6TEEN | Futurama | American Dad | Robot Chicken |
| cable variety | 575 | 583 11 CMT | Reba | Reba | Hope & Faith | Hope & Faith | Three Chords | Tara Diaries | Home Improve. | Home Improve. | Reba |
| | 553 | 546 17 TREE | Little Bear | Miss Spider | Comfy Couch | Rolie Polie Olie | Max & Ruby | Babar | Backyardigans | Dora-Explorer | Go, Diego, Go! |
| | - | - 18 CHTV | The Insider (N) | E! News | True Hollywood Story | | Knight Rider (HDTV) (N) | | Party Monsters: Cabo (N) | | News (N) |
| | 505 | 398 19 TWN | (5) EarthWatch One | | EarthWatch One | | EarthWatch Two | | | | |
| | 602 | 568 23 W | Style by Jury | Style by Jury | Will & Grace | Friends | Grocery | Grocery | How Clean | How Clean | Maxed Out (N) |
| | 521 | 560 24 TLC | Incredibly Small | | Mystery Diagnosis | | My Shocking Story | | Incredibly Small | | Mystery Diag. |
| | 603 | 561 25 FOOD | Iron Chef America | | Top Chef (Part 1 of 2) Final challenges. | | | Dinner Imposs. | Challenge Sandwiches. | | Iron Chef Am. |
| | 615 | 520 26 A&E | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Exterminators | Exterminators | Exterminators | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter |
| | 617 | 522 32 SHOW | Wife Swap | | The Outer Limits | | About a Girl | About a Girl | The Guard (HDTV) | | Big Love |
| | 601 | 562 33 SLICE | Real Housewives of OC | | Kimora: Fab | Kardashians | ET Canada | Matchmaker | Chop Shop | Mr. Friday | Trading Sp |
| | - | 633 34 ENC2 | *Dante's Peak* | (7:20) *Samuel Lount* ★★ (1985), David Fox | | | *Out of Africa* ★★★ (1985, Romance) Meryl Streep, Robert Redford. | | | | |
| | 520 | 505 35 DISC | Deadliest Catch | | Mayday "Ghost Plane" | | Daily Planet | | MythBusters | | Austin Stevens |
| | 620 | 523 36 BRAVO | Wingfield | Wingfield | Death at-Opera | Broadway | Law & Order | | Without a Trace | | *Beautiful Ppl* |
| | 294 | 650 40 WPCH | *Hand That Rocks Cradle* | | Seinfeld | Family Guy | Family Guy | (9:45) *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle* ★★★ (1992) | | | |
| | 626 | 547 41 COM | Laughs | Comedy Now | Air Farce | Just for Laughs | | Corner Gas | The Simpsons | South Park | Jon Dore Show |
| | - | 539 42 TCM | (6) *The Life of Emile Zola* | | *The Caine Mutiny* ★★★ (1954, Drama), Jose Ferrer | | | | (10:15) *A Soldier's Story* ★★★ (1984) | | |
| | 628 | 584 43 SPIKE | UFC's Ultimate Fight Night | | | | Ways to Die | EA Gillette | CSI: NY "On the Job" | | Disorderly |
| | 522 | 516 45 HIST | Museum Mysteries-World | | NCIS "The Curse" | | Cities of the Underworld | | Museum Mysteries-World | | NCIS |
| | 627 | 528 46 SPACE | Star Trek: Voyager | | Rabbit Fall | Rabbit Fall | Stargate SG-1 | | Star Trek: Next Gener. | | Trek: Voyager |
| | - | - 47 AMC | (6) *The Godfather* ★★★★ (1972, Crime Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. | | | | | | *The Untouchables* (1987, Crime Drama) | | |
| | 619 | 525 49 TROP | What Happen? | What Happen? | Reality | Ad Persuasion | Family Guy | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Raymond | Family Guy |
| | 600 | 564 50 HGTV | Property Virgin | Unsellable | Hid Potential | Really Big Flip | Holmes on Homes | | Property Virgin | Unsellable | Mansions |
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| | 526 | 507 92 VIVA | Medium | | Mediums | Psychic Det. | Mediums | Encounters | Judging Amy | | Medium |
| | 269 | 350 93 APTN | APTN National News: Contact | | Reel Insights | | Canadian Geographic | | Miywayawin | Guides | Wings-Canada |
| | - | - 94 MCP | (6:30) News | News | Eight Heroes | Mom's-Upset | Van. Nights | Iranian Pop | Sabor Latino | | Sabor Musical |
| | 571 | 581 100 MMM | All-Time Top Ten (N) | | Confessions of a Teen Idol | | Revival | Back In | Party of Five | | Listed |
| | 570 | 580 101 MM | T.I.'s Road to Redemption | | Video on Trial | Video on Trial | PunchMuch | | America's Best Dance Crew | | MuchTopTens |
| | 581 | 566 102 MTV | The Real World | | The Real World (N) | | MTV Live | After | From G's to Gents | | Real World |

## critics' corner

**Corner Gas**
"Mandelbaum! Mandelbaum!" Oops, sorry, that was "Seinfeld." But "Physical Credit" may put you in mind of the time an elderly fitness trainer went to work on Jerry. In this case, it's Oscar (Eric Peterson), who makes Davis (Lorne Cardinal) his fitness protege. Wanda (Nancy Robertson) is miffed when Hank (Fred Ewanuick) is approved for a credit card she can't get. Brent and Lacey (Brent Butt, Gabrielle Miller) compete over a secret. 12:30 PM on COM

**The Exterminators**
There's never a dull moment with the guys from Vexcon, and this week proves no different when Billy is called to a farm where a big gator has been threatening to eat the family's dogs. But just as Billy is about to save the day and catch the beast, the gator attacks and takes a bite out of him! Later, presumably healed, Ricky joins Billy at the genteel home of three generations of Louisiana ladies to rid the house of a massive swarm of wasps. 8:30 PM on A&E

## In brief

**PEOPLE** Rap music mogul Marion (Suge) Knight was treated in the hospital for facial injuries after being injured in a fight at a local hotel, Scottsdale police said Monday. Security at the W hotel in the city near Phoenix called police after two groups of guests exchanged "heated words in the VIP area." Shortly after officers arrived, they saw a man punch Knight, 43, twice in the head, police said. REUTERS

Suge Knight

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**Nestling in New York**
Looks like Justin Timberlake and girlfriend Jessica Biel will be full-time residents of New York City soon. The pair, who were spotted apartment-hunting in September, have reportedly settled on a $2.9 million Chelsea duplex, according to Us Weekly. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Coldplay, Duffy lead field on eve of BRITs

**British band Coldplay and Welsh singer Duffy will be hoping to add to their Grammys success as they head the field at the 2009 BRITs music awards tonight with four nominations apiece.**

Organizers have highlighted the global impact of British music in 2008, underlined by a flurry of Grammys, the industry's most coveted honors, earlier this month.

In the wake of those awards, Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger hailed "a great period for home-grown talent," telling the Sun newspaper: “What's so refreshing is the different styles that have been recognized. Coldplay, Duffy, Adele and Radiohead make up an eclectic bunch, proving there's a lot of fresh British talent out there.”

At the BRITs, Coldplay and Duffy are followed by Adele, indie pop band Scouting For Girls and alternative rockers Elbow, who all appear in three categories.

Coldplay are up for best British group and best British album, considered the most prestigious prize at the BRITs, for their multi-million selling record Viva La Vida or Death and All His Friends.

The group is also competing for best British single and British live act.

The BRITs' recognition of Duffy, a relative unknown 12 months ago, caps a year during which her debut album Rockferry was Britain's top-selling record in 2008 and boasts worldwide sales of nearly 4.5 million copies.

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British band Coldplay, above, and Welsh singer Duffy, right, head the field at the 2009 BRITs music awards tonight with four nominations apiece.

She has been nominated for best album, best single for Mercy, British female solo artist and British breakthrough act. The best British single award is chosen by live public vote on the night of the awards ceremony.

In the international categories, the same five artists are competing both for best international group and international album — AC/DC, Fleet Foxes, the Killers, Kings of Leon and MGMT.

Four other British acts — Ting Tings, Radiohead, Girls Aloud, and Estelle — land two nominations apiece in this year's BRITs list.

BRITs organizers have announced that Take That and Coldplay will appear at the awards ceremony tonight joining Pet Shop Boys, U2, Kings of Leon, Duffy and Girls Aloud.

Hosting the event, held before an audience of over 10,000 people at London's Earls Court, will be Australian star Kylie Minogue.

REUTERS

# Thunder Road in starting position for CB

**TV** CBS, start your engines. The network has committed to a pilot of reality show Thunder Road, on which contestants drive cars through a perilous obstacle course.

In an automobile version of Wipeout, the pilot presentation follows two teams that risk demolition while driving a course stocked with challenging obstacles.

Terminator Salvation director McG, whose TV credits include Chuck and Pussycat Dolls: Girlicious, is executive producing the show. Road is racing against other CBS reality projects in the works. REUTERS

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**Roseanne rips on Chris Brown**

Roseanne Barr has taken to her blog to comment on Chris Brown's alleged assault of girlfriend Rihanna, saying his "lies and excuses" sound "just like every sleazy bastard who ever smacked his wife, kid, mother or girlfriend." METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Celebrity Buzz

## Madonna brainwashing my son: Model's mother

**PEOPLE** Not only is Madonna, 50, old enough to be boy-toy Jesus Luz's mother, she's old enough to be the 22-year-old's grandmother, wonderwall.com reports.

The New York Post reports that Luz already has a grandma, and she is around 50 years old, too. Meanwhile, Luz's mom, Cristiane Regina da Silva, a hairdresser in Brazil, is apparently 14 years younger than Madonna and believes the pop icon has kidnapped and brainwashed her son.

Luz's whole family (and trail of ex-girlfriends) back in Brazil are apparently upset he spent Christmas in the Maldives with Madge, and the Brazilian media are claiming that her PR people confiscated his cellphone. Apparently the Luz clan, all devout Christians, are worried that Jesus will be lured into Kabbalah. He's already dropped the 40 Graus Modelos modeling agency back in his homeland to join Ford Models in New York, if that's any indication of his burgeoning commitment to Madonna, the website adds.

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## No romance, Katy says

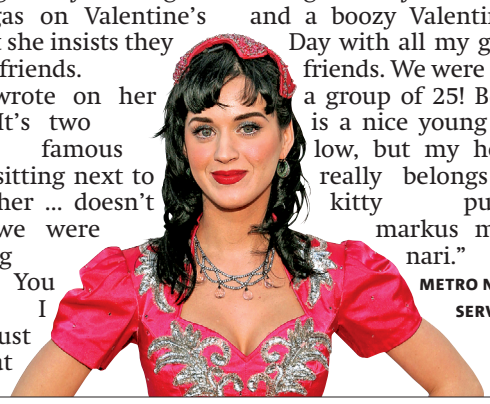
**RUMOUR** Katy Perry has denied that she is seeing Benji Madden, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer sparked rumours she was dating the Good Charlotte rocker when they were spotted enjoying a cozy evening in Las Vegas on Valentine's Day, but she insists they are just friends.

She wrote on her blog: "It's two pseudo famous people sitting next to each other ... doesn't mean we were bumping uglies. You know I don't just do that with anyone."

The 24-year-old singer explained she was celebrating the romantic day with a group of friends.

Admitting she only has time for her pet cat, she wrote: "I was there celebrating a really fun show and a boozy Valentine's Day with all my good friends. We were like a group of 25! Benji is a nice young fellow, but my heart really belongs to kitty purry/markus molinari."



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## Motherhood a time-thief: Julia

**FAMILY** As a full-time stay-at-home mom for the past year, Julia Roberts says life outside the Hollywood spotlight has been anything but uneventful — thanks to her three kids with husband Danny Moder, people.com reports.

"Danny and I talk about, 'What did we do with all the time we must have had?'" she tells Allure in its March issue. "Because you don't recognize it as such, until you have all these little ... time thieves running around your house."

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## Leave Jessica alone: Jennifer

**PEOPLE** Jennifer Love Hewitt wishes people would stop debating Jessica Simpson's weight, usmagazine.com reports.

"I wish they would leave her alone," she said.

Her message to Simpson? "Ignore it, live your life and be happy."

Hewitt — who was famously mocked in 2007 when photos surfaced of her curvy figure in a bikini — told Us she is tired of the "unreasonable" Hollywood standards when it comes to weight.

"We're all supposed to look how we're supposed to look. We're made to be different people."

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## Lindsay talks Big Macs and weight rumours

**PEOPLE** Lindsay Lohan insists she loves Big Macs, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress has sparked concerns for her health after being pictured with an increasingly skinny frame, but has blamed her slim physique on her hectic work schedule.

"I eat. I had my Big Mac yesterday from McDonald's. I eat just as much as I always have," the website quotes her as saying. "I think I've just been working a lot. It's just down to stress and lack of sleep when I travel. I think it's all that stuff that adds up."

The 22-year-old star won't listen to criticism about her weight, adding she doesn't want to be pressured into looking a certain way.

"I'm my own person, and people can say whatever they want. I'm still going to be the person that I am, and I think that's so important for people in Hollywood."

Lohan added she only cares about being happy and has learned to accept herself the way she is: "I think that I don't ever want to pretend to be something that I'm not. I'm not perfect, nobody is perfect."

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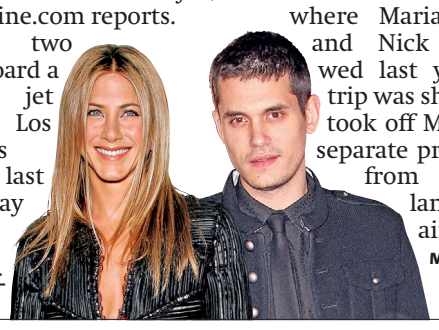
## Jen and John's V-Day trip

**RELATIONSHIP** Jennifer Aniston and John Mayer celebrated Valentine's Day with a trip to the Bahamas, usmagazine.com reports. The vacation was a present from Mayer, x17online.com reports.

The two left aboard a private jet from Los Angeles late last Thursday night — a day after Aniston's 40th birthday — and arrived on the island of Eleuthera the next morning, according to x17.

They stayed in a gated, luxurious home on the north of the island — where Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon wed last year. The trip was short: Both took off Monday in separate private jets from the island's main airport.



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## Klum shrugs off 'fat' comment

**CRITICISM** While taking a break from New York Fashion Week, supermodel Heidi Klum addressed the hubbub over designer Wolfgang Joop calling her fat. "It's a life where everyone can say what they want to say and everyone can have their opinion — that is his," she said, according to In Touch. "In this business you have to be fit, but I always try to be a good role model and not too thin."

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## Josh and Fergie on honeymoon No. 2?

**MARRIAGE** Less than one month after their tropical getaway to the Maldives, Josh Duhamel and Fergie jetted off to the Mayan Riviera in Mexico for another romantic vacation last weekend, this time to attend the wedding of a friend, people.com reports.

As if on a second honeymoon, a source said the couple enjoyed "lots of outdoor activities, including sunbathing, snorkling, visiting the lowland rainforest and several historic Maya sites."

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**Today** Mostly cloudy 1 C / -11 C
**Thursday** Partly cloudy 1 C / -8 C
**Friday** Some clouds 1 C / -9 C

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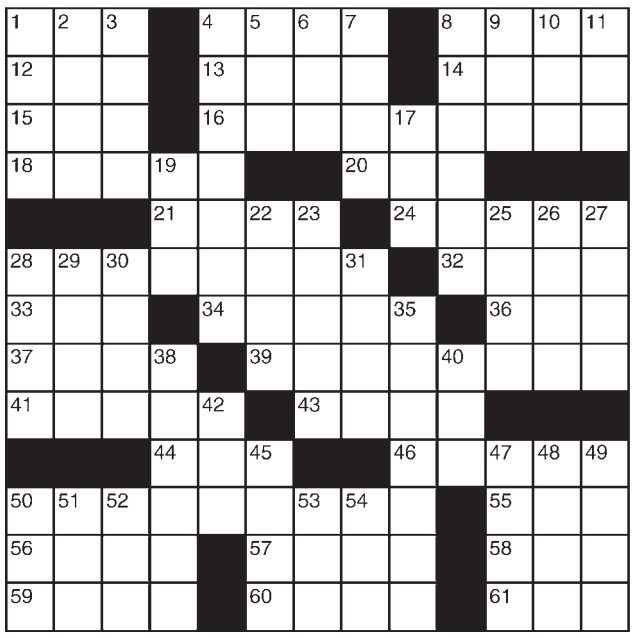

## Crossword across

1 Lawyers' org.
4 Bob or Elizabeth
8 Lather
12 Pistol
13 "Metamorphoses" poet
14 Contemporary coin
15 "Guinness Book" suffix
16 Quarantine facility
18 Filch
20 Unruly group
21 Apprehends
24 Redden
28 Jesus' home
32 Birthright barterer
33 "— Got a Secret"
34 Knapsack part
36 Prior night
37 Collections
39 Risked
41 Baghdad resident
43 Make (one's way)
44 Multi-purpose truck
46 Refuge
50 Mideast region
55 Sapporo sash
56 Culture medium
57 — and void
58 Suitable
59 Info
60 With skill
61 Fool

## Crossword down

1 Forever, it seems
2 Bankrupt
3 Initial stake
4 Moolah
5 Eggs
6 Claiborne of fashion
7 Dutch cheese
8 Weak
9 No longer chic
10 Illustrations
11 Cattle call
17 Lowe or Morrow
19 Santa —, Calif.
22 "Little Women" woman
23 Milkshake insert
25 Secondhand
26 Rescue
27 Coloured
28 Unless (Latin)
29 State with certainty
30 Catherine — -Jones
31 Visibility hindrance
35 Magnificent array
38 Uncool
40 Vitamin amt.
42 "— Impossible"
45 Italian volcano
47 Parlor piece
48 Wading bird
49 Perches
50 Wander about
51 Past
52 Use a ray-gun
53 Massage
54 Under the weather

## Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Fusilli and Meatballs

**INGREDIENTS:**
1 large onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
796-ml can no-salt-added Italian tomatoes
796-ml can no-salt-added whole tomatoes in purée
1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh basil
1 tbsp (15 ml) fresh oregano or 1 tsp (5 ml) dried
2 slices firm-textured white bread
1 lb (500 g) lean (93%) ground beef
1 large egg
2 tbsp (25 ml) reduced-fat milk (2%)
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
1/2 tsp (2 ml) black pepper
12 oz (375 g) long fusilli

**METHOD:**
1. Coat large pot with non-stick cooking spray and set over medium-high heat. Sauté onion and garlic until soft, about 5 minutes. Transfer 2 tbsp (25 ml) onion mixture to large bowl.
2. Process Italian and whole tomatoes in food processor until fairly smooth. Add to pot. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and simmer, stirring often, 30 minutes. Add basil and oregano during the last 15 minutes.
3. Process bread until crumbs form. Add crumbs, beef, egg, milk, salt, and black pepper to onion mixture and mix just until blended. Shape into twenty 1-in. (2.5-cm) meatballs. Coat medium skillet with nonstick cooking spray and set over medium-high heat. Cook meatballs in batches until browned on all sides, about 8 minutes.
4. Drain on paper towels. Add meatballs to sauce. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, 20 minutes.
5. Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and toss with 1 1/2 cups sauce in large heated serving bowl. Spoon 1 cup (250 ml) sauce over pasta. Serve meatballs and remaining sauce alongside.

**SERVES 6**

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## Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

**ARIES**
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**
Someone with a hidden agenda speaks of the future. Don't let your hot-headedness go beyond good taste. A wonderful transformation is coming.

**TAURUS**
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**
Don't let pride stand in the way of understanding. Difficulties that flare can be resolved with care. Maintain a flexible attitude in groups.

**GEMINI**
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**
Concentrate on a business that has good chances. Don't take on any risks. Before leaving a difficult situation, take stock of the benefits.

**CANCER**
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**
A friend leaves an unhappy marriage. Profits gained through unethical dealings melt away. A nitpicker learns from other people's heated reactions.

**LEO**
**JULY 23-AUG 23**
Stash your belongings in safe place. You'll be frustrated when you're forced to confront a noisy bore. Show compassion before casting blame.

**VIRGO**
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**
While seeking information, you'll have to give directions. Pretending that you don't care won't work. You'll avoid the mess of impulsive deeds.

**LIBRA**
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**
Encourage a meddler to be more sincere. A private fantasy will become more exhilarating. An interesting man takes pleasure in your company.

**SCORPIO**
**OCT 24-NOV 22**
Someone's laziness will enrage a female. Teach others to face trouble as it comes up. Someone will love you when they know you better.

**SAGITTARIUS**
**NOV 23-DEC 21**
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